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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

NEW YORK MARINE AND  
GENERAL INSURANCE  
COMPANY, a New York  
corporation,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AMBER HEARD,  
Defendant.

Case No. 2:22-cv-4685-GW (PDx)

Hon. George H. Wu,  
Courtroom 9D

**DECLARATION OF KAYLA  
M. ROBINSON IN SUPPORT  
OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION  
TO DISMISS**

Date: October 12, 2023  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Dept.: 9D

Complaint Filed July 8, 2022

1                   DECLARATION OF KAYLA M. ROBINSON

2                   I, Kayla M. Robinson, declare as follows:

3                   1. I am an attorney at law admitted to practice law before this  
4 court. I am a partner at Pasich LLP, counsel for defendant and  
5 counterclaimant Amber Heard. I have personal knowledge of the facts  
6 stated herein. If called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify  
7 competently as to these facts.

8                   2. This declaratory judgment action concerns Plaintiff New York  
9 Marine and General Insurance Company (“New York Marine”) coverage  
10 obligations under an insurance policy issued by to named insureds  
11 Under the Black Sky, Inc. and Amber Heard for a lawsuit filed against  
12 Ms. Heard by John C. Depp II in March 2019. A true and correct copy of  
13 this policy, No. GL201800012500, with premium and address  
14 information redacted, was filed by New York Marine as **Exhibit A** to its  
15 Second Amended Complaint. ECF Nos. 76 and 76-1.

16                  3. The *Depp* lawsuit was resolved by confidential settlement in  
17 December 2022; New York Marine did not contribute. New York Marine  
18 knew of the settlement by December 21, 2022, and Ms. Heard amended  
19 her Answer and Counterclaim to account for the settlement on January  
20 13, 2023.

21                  4. Ms. Heard’s First Amended and Supplemental Answer and  
22 First Amended Counterclaim alleged two causes of action for breach of  
23 contract and breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair  
24 dealing. ECF No. 36. On February 10, 2023, New York Marine moved to  
25 dismiss Ms. Heard First Amended Counterclaim. ECF No. 42.

26                  5. On March 17, 2023, the Court granted New York Marine’s  
27 motion to dismiss, with leave to amend Ms. Heard’s cause of action for  
28 breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing. The dismissal order

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1 resolved the parties' dispute as to New York Marine's defense obligations  
2 under the policy. ECF No. 45 (Tentative Ruling); ECF No. 51 (Order  
3 Adopting Tentative Ruling).

4       6. On March 31, 2023, I participated in a conference with James  
5 Wagoner, Nicholas Rasmussen, and Graham Van Leuven of McCormick,  
6 Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte & Carruth LLP, who are counsel for New  
7 York Marine, and Owen Monkemeier of Pasich LLP. Among other  
8 things, we discussed the effect of the dismissal order, whether any claims  
9 in the action remain in the event Ms. Heard does not amend her  
10 counterclaim to revive her bad faith claim, and whether New York  
11 Marine would oppose the entry of partial final judgment. Mr. Wagoner  
12 represented that New York Marine believes there remains a dispute as  
13 to New York Marine's duty to indemnify Ms. Heard for the settlement in  
14 the *Depp* lawsuit.

15      7. On April 6, 2023, I sent Mr. Wagoner, Mr. Rasmussen, and  
16 Mr. Van Leuven a proposed joint stipulation to resolve the remaining  
17 claims and enter final judgment in this action. The proposed joint  
18 stipulation recited that Ms. Heard does not intend to amend her  
19 counterclaim and that Ms. Heard will not pursue her claims against New  
20 York Marine for its failure to indemnify Ms. Heard for the settlement of  
21 the *Depp* lawsuit. The proposal included a stipulation by New York  
22 Marine to voluntarily dismiss its Complaint, as there is no longer any  
23 dispute between the parties.

24      8. On April 13, 2023, I participated in another conference with  
25 Mr. Wagoner and Mr. Rasmussen. Among other things, we discussed the  
26 proposed joint stipulation. Counsel for New York Marine represented  
27 that New York Marine would not agree to the proposed stipulation and  
28 would not agree to Ms. Heard's request for entry of partial final

1 judgment. I again represented to New York Marine that Ms. Heard  
2 would not amend her counterclaim and that Ms. Heard would not seek  
3 indemnity with respect to the *Depp* lawsuit.

4       9. On April 25, 2023, Mr. Wagoner sent New York Marine's  
5 proposed joint stipulation to enter judgment dismissing Ms. Heard's  
6 First Amended Complaint and Counterclaim. Per the draft stipulation,  
7 New York Marine would agree to voluntarily dismiss its first and second  
8 causes of action in its Complaint without prejudice but would not dismiss  
9 its third and fourth causes of action related to its duty to defend Ms.  
10 Heard in the *Depp* lawsuit.

11     10. On May 11, 2023, I participated in another conference with  
12 Mr. Wagoner, Mr. Rasmussen, and Mr. Monkemeier. Among other  
13 things, we discussed whether New York Marine would stipulate to  
14 dismiss its First Amended Complaint, including its third and fourth  
15 causes of action, as the *Depp* lawsuit was resolved by settlement and the  
16 Court's dismissal order resolved any remaining dispute between the  
17 parties as to New York Marine's duty to defend. Counsel for New York  
18 Marine could not confirm that New York Marine would agree to dismiss  
19 its Complaint. I again represented to New York Marine that Ms. Heard  
20 would not amend her counterclaim and that Ms. Heard would not seek  
21 indemnity with respect to the *Depp* lawsuit.

22     11. On May 16, 2023, I sent an email to Mr. Wagoner, Mr.  
23 Rasmussen, and Mr. Van Leuven to confirm in writing the  
24 representations made previously: Ms. Heard will not amend her  
25 counterclaim and has withdrawn her request for indemnity from New  
26 York Marine. I again asked that New York Marine agree to stipulate to  
27 dismissal of its Complaint in light of these facts and the Court's  
28 dismissal order. New York Marine has not done so.

1       12. On May 18, 2023, I participated in another conference with  
2 Mr. Wagoner, Mr. Rasmussen, and Mr. Monkemeier. Among other  
3 things, we again discussed whether New York Marine would stipulate to  
4 dismiss its First Amended Complaint. I again represented to New York  
5 Marine that Ms. Heard would not amend her counterclaim and that Ms.  
6 Heard would not seek indemnity with respect to the *Depp* lawsuit. I  
7 additionally represented to New York Marine that it is Ms. Heard's  
8 position that there is no dispute between the parties as to New York  
9 Marine's defense obligations because Ms. Heard seeks reimbursement of  
10 defense costs only for her independent counsel in the *Depp* lawsuit, and  
11 the Court held in its dismissal order that New York Marine did not have  
12 an obligation to provide independent counsel to Ms. Heard under the  
13 policy.

14       13. On May 22, 2023, I participated in another conference with  
15 Mr. Wagoner. I represented to Mr. Wagoner that Ms. Heard would be  
16 willing to consider a revised stipulation dismissing the First Amended  
17 Complaint.

18       14. On May 30, 2023, despite the Court's dismissal order and Ms.  
19 Heard's representations, Mr. Wagoner represented to me via email that  
20 New York Marine would not stipulate to dismiss its First Amended  
21 Complaint.

22       15. On August 18, 2023, following the Court's order granting Ms.  
23 Heard's motion for judgment on the pleadings on August 14, 2023, I  
24 participated in another conference with Mr. Wagoner to discuss New  
25 York Marine's proposed amended complaint and the issues raised in this  
26 motion. I represented to Mr. Wagoner that the amendments discussed on  
27 the record at the Court's motion hearing did not cure the mootness issue  
28 because Ms. Heard's request for reimbursement of defense costs relies

1 entirely on the success of her theory that she is entitled to independent  
2 counsel—an issue this Court already resolved in New York Marine's  
3 favor.

4 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United  
5 States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this  
6 Declaration is executed on August 30, 2023, at San Diego, California.

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